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SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME JULY 14, PRESIDENT BONGO STRESSED HOW PLEASED HE WAS WITH RESULT BRUSSELS MEETING JULY 11-12 ON TRANSGABON. HE SAID TO ME WITH TINGE OF BITTERNESS, HOWEVER, THAT "YOU AND FRENCH ARE ONLY TWO COUNTRIES WHO BACKED US."

2. COMMENT: WHILE BONGO HAD EARLIER HOPED FOR MORE FROM US, HE CLEARLY PLEASED WE CAME THROUGH AS WELL AS WE DID. WILLINGNESS OF AID TO PROPOSE FINANCING PORTION OF ROADS WAS CERTAINLY KEY FACTOR. UNFORTUANTE FOR GERMANS THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE INGENUITY OF AID IN THINKING OF THIS GAMBIT BEFORE OPENING OF MEETING. MCKESSON

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